

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants re-submit the claims with the correct status identifiers as requested in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) of November 24, 2004.

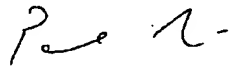
The Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Communication was belatedly received on January 21, 2004 as shown on the date stamp of the copy of the US Department of Commerce envelope. Therefore, the Applicants were unable to meet the deadline set out in the Notice.

The Applicants trusts that this will be acceptable to the Examiner.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

Applicant:



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